

**S/N 10/723,431**

## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ning Hu et al.

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Serial No. : 10/723,431

Examiner : G.S. Kishore

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**Title : METHOD OF DRUG LOADING IN LIPOSOMES BY GRADIENT**

## PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2009, said period of response being extended from April 12, 2009 to July 12, 2009.

Applicant will pay \$1,100.00 for the extension fee at the time of electronic filing. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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